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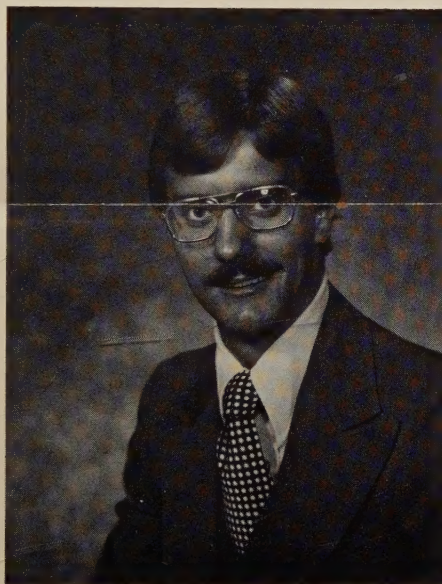
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Camp Zion Winter Retreat — Almost A Disaster

by Rick Anderson

WINTER CAMP WASN'T A DISASTER; IT ONLY APPEARED THAT WAY. This was my first experience as director of our High School Winter Camp retreat. I had heard about it in training terms. Skiing, tobogganing on a wonderful hill 17, bowling, skits, fellowship and sharing times — these were to be my experience with young people I was just beginning to know and care about. My responsibilities looked to be rather minor with Jean and Sherry Storey as books, Pete as program director, Arnie Stewart as bus driver and a general handyman. I was to be with the campers, enjoying their activities and leading in the evening devotions. That was a job description I could appreciate. It was all organized.

Somehow, things didn't go according to the job description. In the very first days of preparation we were beset with problems and hassles. Pete broke his heel through a fall and would not get walking cast until after the Retreat was over. If he were able to go, it would be on crutches with a heavy cast on his foot and leg. We found he was not going to be able to go either, due to business commitments. Young people were in signing up as the only ski lift near camp closed up and no one would not be part of the program. Keen disappointment!



Rick Anderson

Should Winter Camp be canceled? This was the recommendation of some. The pastoral staff recommended we go, even if less than ten signed up. Finally, with all our struggles behind us and with twenty-one campers plus Pete (on crutches), Jean, Sherry Storey, and myself, we left for Camp on Tuesday morning, December 27th. We anticipated a great time together.

Upon arrival at Camp, we found that the water pipes were frozen and broken in various places. Only one toilet and one "cold water" shower were available for use. Lewis Mitchell and I worked that

first night until 2:30 a.m. to get water into the Annex, Mae's, and the Lodge. No success!

The following day while the campers enjoyed tobogganing, we again worked until evening, finally getting some water to the Lodge with a temporary hook-up with some garden hose. We continued our struggle until forced to quit to take the evening devotions with the campers. The time? 10:30 p.m. The campers were tired from all the outdoor activity. My well planned talks and hoped-for discussions on dating didn't seem to fit, so I gave a brief devotional talk. That night, I again crawled into bed at 3:30 a.m., tired, frustrated, and defeated.

The next day we continued working to get water into the Annex, the girls' shower room. Again, no success. After supper, I borrowed Jean's car to run into town for some needed plumbing parts. I didn't make it. I ended up in the ditch with her new car. Frustration! Waiting for a tow truck in the sub zero weather didn't help cool me off either. Thirty-five dollars and many minutes later the car was out and unharmed, except for a flat tire. We changed the tire and sent the car into town the next day to have the flat fixed and the wheels re-aligned. Another \$15.00.

During all of this, I did not get the parts, could not get the plumb-

ing fixed, and I was cold, tired, and it was already past time to begin devotions. "Lord, I can't do it," I said in my heart as I sat down in the Lodge for a few minutes to get my thoughts together. The last thing I wanted to talk about was "Goals for Dating." Yet, I felt that if Satan defeated me again, it would ruin the whole retreat. Somehow, God gave me faith to commit the whole matter to Him and to trust Him to give me strength and to speak through me.

It was 10:15. The young people were sitting around the fire and many looked ready to drop off to sleep. Again I had to fight the temptation to forget my planned devotional and give something brief. It was as if Satan were saying, "You're just wasting your time. These kids aren't going to listen." But, we prayed together and asked the Lord to teach us some things and to speak through me that which I felt God wanted me to say. God answered that prayer. For 45 minutes the young people listened and God gave us a great blessing. After saying "Good-night," I went back to working on those pipes.

At 11:00 a.m. the next morning we finally got water into the Annex and that seemed to be a turning point in our camp situation. That night the young people really opened up and shared. We felt a closeness which we had not experienced before. We had some very open, honest conversations about dating

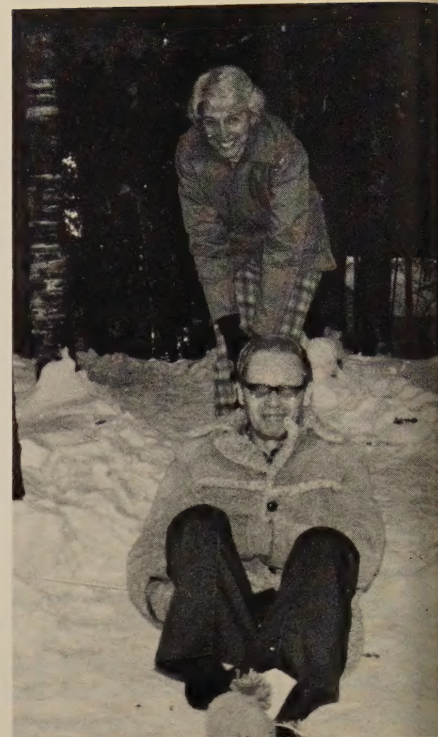
and about how the Christian should approach dating. Young people who had been wrestling with this problem began to share their desire to give this very important area of their lives over to the Lord. On the final night, we had a blessed time in the Word, in sharing of testimonies, and closed with the observance of the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

This Winter Retreat reminded us of some very basic building needs at Camp Zion. We ask prayer and co-operation as we seek to meet some of these basic needs. We have reached the point where larger expenditures of money are necessary to bring our Camp to what it should be for a continued effective ministry.

Probably the greatest lesson we learned was the victory that Christ can give through the Holy Spirit over the greatest of problems when we will turn our lives over to Him in simple trust. He is not dependent on smooth circumstances to work His will. Yes, our Camp Zion Winter Retreat was almost a disaster, but for the grace of God — at least as far as I was personally concerned.

Postscript

Pete was a big help despite his having to be towed up and down the hill on a toboggan or snow shovel, or carried piggy-back. Also, Arnie finally was able to get free of business commitments and made it up for the last couple of days.



Pete helped up a hill on a snow shovel.

WHEN CHRIST WAITS

"If any man . . . open the door, I will come in" — Rev. 3:20.

What a wonderful thing is this

That man may choose as he will
To open the door and let Christ in,
Or make Him wait at the sill!

The sovereign Lord of the universe,
Courteous, stands and knocks;
He will not batter the shut door down,
Nor break the bolts and locks.

For man has the power of choice,
He can lift the latch if he will;
There is no knob on the outer side,
And the Lord Christ waits at the sill

He patiently knocks and patiently waits
For man to open the door;
Beware the day when His patience ends
And the pierced Hand knocks no more

* From the book, "Annie Johnson Flint's Beloved Poems," used by permission.



Fun on a toboggan

1978 CAMP ZION DATES

June 26-29	Primary Camp
June 30-July 4	Young Adult Camp
July 6-15	Junior Boys Camp
July 17-29	Junior High Camp
July 31-August 12	High School Camp
August 14-23	Junior Girls Camp
August 28-31	Adult Camp
September 1-4	Family Camp

Let Us EXALT HIS NAME Together

General Overseer Roger W. Ottersen

"Oh magnify the Lord with me,
let us exalt His Name together."

We face a new year with many
known opportunities, challenges,
uncertainties. We do not know
what is ahead in the economy of
the nation. We do not know what
will be ahead politically, either in our
country or in other countries. But,
O believers in the Lord Jesus
Christ, we can be assured of His
constant and continuous presence
in our lives. The Watch Word which
has led us to choose for 1978
is taken from Psalm 34, verse 3,
which reads: "Let us exalt His
Name together."

To begin with, it says, "Let us . . .
exalt His Name together." The
Psalmist is obviously not refer-
ring to angelic beings. It is not the
heavenly host that is to exalt the
Lord Jesus Christ — they do this
every day. The reference is to the re-
deemed of the Lord. The Bible also
says, "Let the redeemed of the
Lord say so." Let us exalt His
Name. It is interesting that this is
an imperative, not just a simple
statement or question. It is in reality
a command or a charge. Let us! I
trust that God will use these simple
words as our Watch Word through-
out the days of 1978. Let it be a
reminder to us, the redeemed of the
Lord, of our responsibility for ex-
alting His Name.

Surely, if we, who by faith have
received Jesus Christ as Savior, re-
flecting of our sins and inviting Him
as Lord of our life, do not exalt
His Name, who will? Let us exalt His
Name together.

The next word, an important
one, is the word "exalt." The def-
inition of this word simply means:
"to raise on high, to elevate, to
lift up, to praise, to glorify." There
are many, many verses which exalt
the name of our God, of which I
have selected a few:

Psalm 18:46 "The Lord lives and
blessed be my rod, and exalted
be the God of my salvation."

Psalm 46:10 "Keep striving and
know that I am God. I will be
exalted among the nations. I will



be exalted in the earth." (The
nations, referring to the Gentiles,
to the unbelieving world.)

Isaiah the prophet writes in
Isaiah 5:16 "But the Lord of
hosts will be exalted in judg-
ment and the Holy God will
show Himself holy in righteous-
ness."

Isaiah 25:1 "Oh Lord, Thou art
my God. I will exalt Thee. I will
give thanks to Thy name for
Thou hast worked wonders."

Jesus said, as recorded in John
12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up
from the earth, will draw all men
unto me."

Beloved, our responsibility is to ex-
alt the name of Jesus Christ, to lift
up Him, the Son of God, who
came to be the Savior of the world,
and by lifting Him up, to exalt
His Name.

I am reminded of the words of
John the Baptist concerning Jesus:
"He must increase, but I must de-
crease." Would to God that such
would be the desire of our lives
this year. I have always been chal-
lenged by the words of the Apostle
Paul in the final verse of Galatians
chapter 1:

"But only, they kept hearing,
'He who once persecuted us is
now preaching the faith which
he once tried to destroy.' AND
THEY WERE GLORIFYING
GOD BECAUSE OF ME."

Paul is saying to the churches of
Galatia, "All they are hearing about
is that one who had tried to destroy
the faith is now preaching the faith

with the result, 'They glorified God
because of me.'" We are to exalt
the name of Jesus Christ. He alone
is worthy to be exalted in this
church, and in our lives as indi-
vidual members.

The Watch Word says, "Let us
exalt . . . His Name." Luke, writing
in the book of Acts, chapter 4,
verse 12 says,

"There is no other name under
heaven, given among men, where-
by we must be saved."

In Philippians 2:9-11 the Apostle
Paul wrote,

"Wherefore God also hath highly
exalted Him, and given Him a
name which is above every name:
That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, of things in
heaven, and things in earth, and
things under the earth; And that
every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father."

Jesus is the name above every name,
the only name through which there
is forgiveness of sin. As the children
of God, we are called upon to exalt
His Name. Ephesians 1:21 tells us
that His Name is "far above every
name." Take note: let us exalt His
Name. We are not admonished to
exalt our name. We are not admon-
ished to exalt the name of an organ-
ization, even a Christian organiza-
tion. We are called upon by God to
exalt His Name. The name of Jesus,
the name that is above every name,
the only Name through which there
is forgiveness of sin. As the children
of God, we are called upon to exalt
His Name.

The final word is, "together." I
like that word. There is power in
united prayer. There is power in
united service. When brothers and
sisters in Jesus Christ join hand and
heart together to exalt His Name,
there is power! Jesus told us in
Matthew's gospel,

"Where two or three are gathered
together in My Name, there am I
in the midst of them."

We are told that if two will agree on
earth as touching anything, it will

be done. In Acts 2:43-45 we are told that the early church, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, were united together in fellowship, oneness and love. In Acts chapter 3 we are told that Peter and John went to the temple to pray **together**.

"Let us" who are the redeemed of the Lord . . . "Let Us Exalt His Name Together!" In the book of Hebrews we are warned, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." It is important that believers work **together**, not alone. No man is an island. None of us can live alone. We need each other. We are admonished in this verse to exalt the name of Jesus Christ and to do it **together**. Now, we can worship God alone. I trust and pray that if you have not been having a quiet time in 1977 that you will set out with God's help this year to be in the Word every day, alone to worship God. You need it. I need it. But that does not negate the importance of worshipping together. We should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We need the fellowship of the church. As a fellowship of believers we are called to serve the Lord Jesus — **together**.

Now, how do we exalt His Name?

I Peter 3:15 "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your heart." Sanctify simply means to set apart. Set apart Christ as Lord in your heart.

"Always being ready to make a defense to anyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

Beloved, we exalt the name of Jesus Christ when the world around sees that Jesus has been set apart as Lord of our life. Campus Crusade for Christ and other organizations have used little sketches or drawings to illustrate this point, showing the circle of one's life with Jesus Christ represented by the cross outside the circle. And then they challenge the individual to invite Jesus Christ into their life and put Him on the throne of their heart. This is setting Him apart as Lord, Master, Controller, making Him the preeminent one. That is how we exalt His Name. As we exalt Him we are called upon to humble ourselves.

Matthew 23:12 "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

Again Jesus' words in Luke 18:14 " . . . for every one who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

Have you ever heard Christian friends praying, "Lord, keep us humble"? You know, that is not really a proper prayer. God never promises to keep us humble. Throughout Scripture we are told to "humble ourselves." The action of the verb is on our part. We are to humble ourselves, to turn from evil, depart from wickedness. Here we are told that if we humble ourselves God will exalt us.

I Peter 5:6 "Humble yourself therefore unto the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time."

That time is going to come, beloved. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi and said,

"I am confident of this one thing, that He that hath begun a good work in you (and in me) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Our task is to set apart Jesus Christ as Lord in our life and Lord in our church — humbling ourselves — with the promise that He will exalt us in due time. By the way, exalting His Name is not done by word or by religious ritual. It is not by bowing before an altar, however sacred it may be to us. We exalt His Name by the way we live! Paul said, "whatever you do in word or deed, do all to the glory of God." When you are changing a flat tire or repairing the plumbing or doing the dishes at home you are to do it in such a way and with such an attitude as will glorify God. Whatever we do in word or deed, we are told to do it to the glory of God. So, we exalt His Name in our living. We exalt His Name in our serving. Jesus simply faced the people of His day and said, "you cannot serve God and mammon." In other words, we must evaluate priorities in our life and determine what will best glorify God. We exalt His Name in **living**, in **serving**, and in **giving**.

Do you know that when we hold back that which belongs to

God, in actuality we are robbing Him? That is what God through the prophet Malachi tells us.

"Would a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say 'how are we robbing Thee?' In tithes and offerings. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so there may be food in my house and test me now, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need."

We exalt His Name by our giving God's plan: "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse." is an acknowledgment that we belong to Him and that we trust Him. God's plan for the support of His work is through the tithing and giving of His people. This giving is not under law, but under grace. Our giving evidences our understanding and appreciation of God's grace.

God's plan: bring the whole tithe. God's purpose: that there may be meat, provision for the Lord's work. God's promise: test me and see there will not be a blessing which you will not be able to contain. All of our needs would be met if all of God's people were obedient in the living, in their serving and in the giving. I believe with all my heart that failure to obey and to give back that which belongs to Him is often the cause for disorder and disharmony in the home. Have things gone wrong in your home this year? What about your living? What about your serving? What about your giving? I believe with all of my heart that if these areas of our lives are under the control of the Lord, harmony will be restored. Perhaps God is speaking to you about the matter of your living, serving, and giving.

There are many challenges ahead of us this year. Our foreign and home missions constantly have needs. There is much new work that ought to be done. As a church we must ever seek to establish new works where a Christian witness is needed. There is also the outreach ministry here at home through our Sunday school and youth work, the Passion Play, music, and our radio ministry. That is what it is all about. As we exalt the Name of Jesus together — as we are willing to exalt Him in our living and in our serving

in our giving, all of these things
me a possibility. Camp Zion
ss because people of our fellow-
have given to the Lord's work
have provided for this. Many of
have not only given of your
ings, but of your sweat on
parties. Praise God for people
exalt the name of Jesus by
giving, by their serving, by
living. The same thing can be
not only about Camp Zion but
tt our music ministries, the
on Play, the youth organiza-
the radio ministry, and every
et of the work of this church.

Do not know what is ahead in
and I am glad I do not know.
I do know this, the One who
ss tomorrow is the One whom
worship and serve. Let us . . .
ss who are the redeemed of the
ss, exalt His Name, and let us do
together! I trust that you will
be a commitment of your heart
life to the Lord today. Maybe
living has not been what you
know it ought to be. Maybe
serving has not been what you
know it ought to be. God
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t. Maybe there is a niche that
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other people do, but we are
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as a church, let us be loyal to
in all of the services, not just
n it is convenient. If He is Lord
ur life, He will be Lord in our
egg. We cannot continue in proper
nship with God if we are rob-
Him of what belongs to Him.

There are many of us who faith-
come to the Lord's house and
in Sunday school, as ushers,
ts, in the youth organization,
assion Play, and Camp, and in
y other ways. But there are
rs who do not. There are many
do faithfully give to the Lord's
t, but there are some who do
ll challenge you to make a com-
ment in your heart that with
es help this year you will exalt
Name in your life, in your serv-
and in your giving.

**LET US EXALT HIS NAME
TOGETHER"**

1978 WATCHWORD

Psalms 34:13

MISSIONS

*Newsletter from
Clark and Barbara Offner*

Dear Friends:

1978 A.D. (=the year of the Lord) is the 53rd year of Showa (=the reign of the present emperor) in Japan. This year of the Horse, according to traditional Chinese reckoning, will begin on February 7 this year according to the lunar calendar still referred to in many rural areas. Thus, it is still not too late to wish you all a "Happy New Year" and to express our thanks to those who remembered us with Christmas cards.

Our Christmas season was a busy one. On the Sunday before Christmas we were one of three husband-wife teams who made door-to-door visitations to over 100 homes in the neighborhood of the Takahama Church with a Christmas tract and an invitation to attend the special Christmas services on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, morning and evening. The same announcements were distributed to shoppers at a nearby supermarket and the Christmas Eve service was also announced in the local newspaper. As a result, one new lady and her teenage daughter attended the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (following which we went carolling in the same neighborhood). There were no new faces at the Christmas morning worship service, but at the evening Christmas program a few parents of Church School children who put on a hand puppet drama (using puppets they had made for that purpose) were present for the first time along with some English Bible Class students.

On the evening before Christmas Eve, we played host to a group of our neighbors in Nagoya. A couple of weeks earlier, an invitation was distributed on the regular announcement pad which is irregularly circulated around some 13 homes in our neighborhood (usually related to official community business) to a simple Christmas party at our home. We had met only a few of our neighbors since moving here 15 months earlier and thought this

would be a good opportunity to meet others and also seek to share with them something of the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. A dozen ladies showed up with four children. (We had hoped for some couples, with at least a few men!) We showed some slides of the U.S., told of Christmas customs there, shared our homemade Christmas cookies, distributed a Christmas tract and tried to draw them out into personal conversations — a difficult task considering the traditional reticence of Japanese women in a new, strange situation. Most of them said very little or remained silent, although they did stay on for an hour and a half beyond the announced closing time.

Prior to this gathering, the Christmas party of the Takahama English Bible Class, the Christmas program of Nagoya Union Church and of Nagoya International School also were held. Barbara was busily involved in the preparation of the little Christmas play of her 23 Japanese five-year-old nursery school pupils: 9 angels, 9 shepherds, 3 wise men, Mary and Joseph. At another Christmas meeting in Takahama held by the supporting organization for a retarded children's group, in which all of our church women's group are active members, these church ladies sang hymns, presented an illustrated (kamishibai) Christmas story and distributed Christmas tracts to those present.

Last August, Clark had made a door-to-door visitation of a hundred homes in the Takahama Church neighborhood distributing a questionnaire relating to his study of the nature of so-called "ancestor worship" in present day Japan. He visited the same homes a few days later to pick up the questionnaires and talked briefly with the respondents. This formed the basic source material for the report he gave at the annual conference of the Japanese Association for Religious Studies, membership in which is primarily composed of scholars and university professors in the field of religions, in October. He later invited all those who responded to

the questionnaire to a Sunday afternoon meeting at the Takahama Church to inform them of the results and discuss them. Although no one outside of our church fellowship attended this meeting, we did have an interesting discussion of the subject. The results of the investigation suggest that, although the traditions and forms are different, for most Japanese today the veneration of ancestors is not "worship" in the Christian sense and the respect shown to dead relatives and national heroes is not so different from the attitude of American Christians at the graveside of loved ones or at national memorials.

Also at the special church dedication anniversary services in November, no newcomers responded to the posters and announcements of the services. This is but another indication of the seeming lack of interest on the part of the general public in Japan to meetings held in a Christian church. New ways of communicating the Good News of God's love and new life to them are needed. We must not only be open to new methods of speaking to people's basic needs but actively seek the most effective means of transmitting the Message that has been entrusted to us. We are continuing our search for an answer to the question of how to make the most effective use in our present situation of the natural gifts, education and experience which have been granted to us.

Clark has continued his personal contact with the Shinto priest of a nearby shrine and is still hoping to initiate a Bible Study among such men. He has also had contact with Buddhist priests and members of "new religions" which he hopes to cultivate further. To deepen his understanding of the general concept of "worship" at Shinto shrines, he mixed with the estimated 870,000 worshippers at Atsuta Shrine on New Year's Day and asked an assortment of them about the motive, meaning and content of their "worship." With their permission, his conversations with 11 of them were recorded on 30 minutes of tape. He has also written a couple of articles relating to religion for Japanese magazines, spoken at a couple of Rotary clubs and a university, led a church retreat as well as maintaining his regular schedule

in Takahama and the Bible studies he leads for Nagoya Union Church groups.

The small Christian Catholic Church fellowships in Japan were thrilled to receive a visit from General Overseer and Mrs. Ottersen in October, 11 years after a similar visit by General Overseer and Mrs. Lee. Despite the problem of direct verbal communication, Roger and Gayleene's deep Christian concern and love were recognized. New church flags are now flying on poles outside the churches. At our next officers' meeting, we will be considering church plans for the coming year(s). The church in Kariya has not recovered from the decrease in attendance and vitality resulting from the organization of the new church program in Takahama around a core of former Kariya members a year ago. Although the Takahama Church has not enjoyed spectacular growth, it has a bright, lively spirit which is not so evident in the "older" church. We ask for your special prayers for Pastor and Mrs. Tomita, the church officers and members as we plan for the future and seek to make both church fellowships

vital, effective parts of the Body Christ in this land.

Last summer, the two of us made our first visit to the northern island of Hokkaido (by car), visiting former church member and current landlord along the way. Steve has just returned to Japan following a month's home leave in the U.S. and is now back home on the "backside" of our island (Honshu) near his place of employment, Westinghouse nuclear power plant still under construction. Susan has been enjoying her experience as a Chicago citizen and an employee of the Japanese consulate in the city since her graduation last summer. Between graduation and employment, she had a busy two week stint as the cook for a group of college students who had come to Earlham College for intensive Japanese language training before leaving for study in Japan. Mark is living here in Nagoya, teaching English conversation to children and adults in various classes.

We appreciate your prayers and pray God's blessing upon you all.

"Rejoicing in hope,"

Clark and Barbara Offenberg

BETHLEHEM

Since the passing of Rev. S. B. Nassar, his son, Daher, has been continuing to conduct meetings in the three areas of Bethlehem, Beit Jala, and Beit Sahour on Sunday, Monday, and Friday respectively. Reports have come to us from Daher and from others of God's blessing on the work in these areas. Pray much for the witness of the gospel in the land of Jesus' birth — today strongholds for Judaism and the Islamic faith.



Sunday school children at Bethlehem with Daher Nassar.

PHILIPPINES

"Sir, please give me some of this water so I won't get thirsty any more and won't have to keep coming here to draw water" (John 4:15). Jovita paused in her reading while Hermenia exclaimed, "Why doesn't she understand? Jesus isn't talking about real water. He's talking about eternal life." Hermenia, a devout Catholic, listened intently as Jovita went on reading. Then she exclaimed again, "You know, I still believe all this, but why then do I continue to sacrifice to the spirits?"

The two Kankanaey women were helping Jan check the Gospel of John for wrong meanings and awkward constructions had heard these verses before, but it was as if they were hearing them for the first time, because this time, God's Spirit was speaking to them powerfully in their own language.

John is now approved for publication. From now until Christmas we will be in Bagabag helping in the many details of the actual publication process. Lord willing, the

copies should reach Kibungan
ly after the first of the year.

Looking back on the last few
ths, we are filled with gratitude
God's provision. 1) Our contact
the people has stepped up
durably since our move to the
er of town, and the whole fam-
enjoys the grassy yard and the
vegetable patch we have
ed there. 2) A lovely Christian
from Bagabag, Reggie Moreno,
been living with us in Kibungan
the end of September. Her
rful and efficient help around
house has given Jan the time
et involved with the work on
as well as continue analyzing
al aspects of the language that
l been giving us trouble. 3) We've
ved plenty of good language
i in the persons of Bernard and
ho. Thank God for their
agness to work with us. Pray
the Word they've been exposed
n the translation process will
to a firm, life-changing belief
e Lord Jesus.

s for the future, furlough is
duled for March. We covet your
ers for the few months that re-
s, that God would grant daily
gth and wisdom to use the re-
ing time to the best advantage.

Larry and Jan Allen
Philippines

MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Each month the Zion Gospel
bel recognizes one of its Sunday
col Teachers as Teacher of the
th. Mr. Ken Fritz was named
ther of the Month for November.

Ken and his wife Lenora
a Sunday School and are in-
ed in many other ways at the
bel. Congratulations, Ken!



Ken Fritz, November Teacher of the Month

INTER-VARSITY, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY

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Speaking

The books of Matthew and Rev-
elation, and Genesis 12 formed the
core of 11 speaking opportunities
this fall: 2 conference weekends, 4
in churches and the rest with
groups of 15 to 80 students on the
Columbia, Rutgers and Douglass
campuses. There is such hunger on
the part of students to live God's
lifestyle daily.

Training Weekends

I directed 5 weekend conferences:
2 on "how to evangelize", 2 Bible
and Life I training programs and 1
on "how to study the Bible on your
own" with 5 Presbyterian churches.
Size ran from 16 to 60.

God's presence has been reality
as we have met Him in the Bible.
November 19 I spoke on "Lordship"
at Douglass. One girl could not
figure out what was wrong. She
then realized that salvation is God
in Christ saving one from the death
of sin. And sin is running your own
life. During the brief time given to
think through Christ's lordship, she
gave her life to Him to rule. What
joy!

Staff Supervision

15 days between September 1
and November 30 were spent with
my staff on campus, in meetings,
drinking milkshakes and training.
Four of those days the staff team
went on campus to talk with non-
Christians about the Lord. There
has been a rippling effect. Staff are
doing contact evangelism with their
students. Older students are going
out with younger to share the Lord.
God is granting boldness to us.
Praise Him, and pray.

Odds and Ends

Several days were spent in
Children's Special Service Mission
(CSSM) Directors and Corporation
meetings. I have again accepted the
Vice-Chairmanship of the Board
for CSSM.

There were meetings with the
other area directors of the Eastern
Region and with Bob Fryling, my
supervisor (5 days total). Time was

also spent in fund-raising, in the
office and counselling individual
students.

Rest Areas — Oases

October 14-17: Jeanie and I
spent 4 days alone in the Berkshires.
Jeanie's niece cared for the kids. It
was a delightful time. We visited
FDR's home in Hyde Park, a Shaker
Village and went antique looking.
And there was Bible study, prayer,
books and rest.

November 23-27: Thanksgiving
and Rebekah's birthday on the
23rd. To friends' for the turkey, a
day in New York City for Rebekah,
a day with Timothy to ride subway,
buses, and see Macy's toy depart-
ment. Removed wallpaper from
front entrance and saw Penn State
beat Pitt on television.

Without you supporting us — the
ministry would be impossible. Be-
cause you are here with us, we have
the courage to take hold of God's
opportunities on campus. Thank
you so much.

With much love and appreciation,
Neil and Jeanie Rendall

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Mrs. Hervey Smith (Dorothy) nee Miller,
December 31, 1977.

Mrs. Milton Schroeder (Helen), Michigan
City, Indiana, January 5, 1978.

Mr. Daniel Heiser, January 24, 1978

WINTER SNOW AND ICE

There is nothing more beautiful than a softly falling snow or a snow-covered landscape. I never tire of looking out the window of our warm home at the snow covered trees and gently rolling greens of the golf course across the street.

However, for Milt Anderson and Paul Woodman a good snowfall means a lot of work clearing the parking lots and sidewalks of the church. We have already had three large snowfalls this year with the largest coming on New Year's Eve. In fact, we were tempted to cancel the Worship Service on New Year's Day because of the big snow. However, Milt Anderson, Paul Woodman, with the help also of Bill Rymer, were able to get one parking lot cleared in time for Service.

Snow also brings ice and slippery roads and walks. This often occasions accidents which happened to two of our members, one suffering a dislocated shoulder and the other a badly fractured hip. Thank God they are both doing well though the hip fracture did result in a good amount of pain.

Snow is a great blessing to the land and a wonderful gift from God. It is also a delight to children and young people and provides much opportunity for outdoor fun.

A freshly fallen snow is also a vivid reminder of the completeness of God's forgiveness of our sins when confessed to Him. God's invitation and promise is:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow . . ."

— Isaiah 1:18

David's prayer was,

"Purge me with hyssop, and shall be clean; wash me, and shall be whiter than snow."

— Psalm 51



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